

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**SMART RECEIPT**

5 A method, program, and system for processing
electronic receipts within a computer network are
provided. The present invention comprises creating a
customer profile for a user using a Smart Receipt
10 application. When the user purchases items, electronic
receipts (smart receipts) are sent from the point of sale
to a designated database. The database may be on a credit
card company server, the product manufacturer's server, a
special cash receipts server, or a central clearing house
15 server. When the customer wants a copy of a receipt, he
or she enters search parameters which specify the desired
receipt. The search parameters may include item type,
date of purchase, and method of purchase. A Smart
Receipt object is then initiated, which retrieves the
20 specified electronic receipt from the appropriate
database, according to the search parameters. A copy of
the retrieved electronic receipt is then downloaded to a
client machine (e.g. PDA, PC) designated by the customer
profile.